## **Plant Press Construction**

- Place two sheets of cardboard on one sheet of plywood.
- Fold two standard newspaper sheets in half and place one of the halves on the two sheets of cardboard.
- Place the collected plant sample (as outlined in the following lesson) on the center of the half newspaper sheet that has been folded and placed on the two cardboard pieces.
- Fold the remaining half of the newspaper over the plant sample, and cover with two cardboard sheets. The press will easily hold twenty to thirty plant samples.
- Place the remaining sheet of plywood on top.
- The straps or ropes will be placed approximately one-third of the distance from the outer edges of the long axis (19 inches) of the plywood.
- One student will stand on the press with support provided by another student, while another student tightens the straps or ropes.